

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully traverse and request reconsideration.

Applicants again wish to thank the Examiner for the notice that claims 1-5 and 10-15 have been allowed.

Remaining claims 8-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Schmitz and further in view of Dahlen et al. The Advisory Action states that the claim has been interpreted such that the receiving of the retransmitted authentication code that was previously sent by an authentication unit to an intermediate destination unit “can be from any unit”. Applicants have amended claim 8 to include inherent subject matter indicating that receiving the retransmitted authentication code was received “from an intermediate destination unit”. In addition, the claim requires that in response to receiving the retransmitted authentication code from the intermediate destination unit, the authentication code is returned to the authentication unit.

It is also alleged in the Advisory Action that as for returning the authentication code to the authentication unit, the claim has been interpreted as just a receiving end and that the claim does not specify which unit is doing the returning. The claim has been amended to clarify that the first unit returns the authentication code to the authentication unit.

Since the claimed subject matter is not taught or suggested as alleged in Dahlen or in Schmitz, Applicants respectfully submit that the claim is in condition for allowance.

As to claim 9, Applicants also respectfully note that the cited portion of Dahlen, namely column 6, lines 48-50 makes no mention of any code being communicated transparent to a user. As such, the reference does not teach what is alleged and the claims are also in condition for allowance for at least this reason as well.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. The Examiner is invited to contact the below-listed attorney if the

Examiner believes that a telephone conference will advance the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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